THORNHILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Date: October 2026
To: The Clergy, Churchwardens & Parish Council
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
140 Brooke Street, Thornhill, ON L4J 1Y9

SUBJECT: Relative Outreach & Invitation: Community Remembrance Ceremony at Thornhill Memorial Pool - (Nov 11, 2026)

Dear Reverend and Parish Leadership,
On behalf of the Thornhill Historical Society and the Thornhill Remembrance & Heritage Coalition, I am writing to share the findings of our recent cross-congregational survey of Thornhill's historic wartime service records. The illuminated sanctuary rolls and memorial tablets preserved at Holy Trinity Anglican Church document an extraordinary legacy of devotion and courage: **103 parish members** stepped forward to serve during the First and Second World Wars.

On **Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 10:30 AM**, our community will gather for a special **Remembrance Day** Ceremony held outdoors on the grounds of the Thornhill Swimming and Tennis Club (Yonge & Centre Streets). Constructed in 1950 as the **Thornhill Memorial Pool**, the site was dedicated as a 'living memorial' to honour local service personnel through community life and peacetime recreation. Its original dedication plaque was unveiled by two local mothers who lost sons in battle - including Holy Trinity's own **Mrs. Roy Wice**.

Holy Trinity's Roll of Honour (The Fallen)

Our survey of your parish records identifies the following eight service members from Holy Trinity who made the supreme sacrifice:
1. **Corporal Franklin Palmer Jackes** (WWI) - *7th Canadian Railway Troops (257th Btn.)*. Born in Thornhill; killed in action at Hinges, France, on April 18, 1918 (age 30). Dedicated THTC memorial plaque.
2. **Private George Leigh Athelstan Glynn McAllum** (WWI) - Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (P.P.C.L.I.). Re-enlisted 1914; killed in action at Second Ypres, Belgium, on May 8, 1915 (age 47). Dedicated brass memorial tablet.
3. **Major Frederick George McLaren** (WWII) - *48th Highlanders of Canada*. Son of Col. & Mrs. McLaren of German Mills; died of wounds in Italy on December 9, 1944 (age 26).
4. **Lieutenant Mary Susannah (Sue) McLaren** (WWII) - Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps (RCAMC). Occupational therapist; died in military vehicle incident in England on August 22, 1944 (age 27). Buried at Brookwood.
5. Lance Sergeant Vivian Penrose Jessop Taylor, M.M. (WWII) - *4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards*. Awarded Military Medal; killed at San Vito / Rimini, Italy, in September 1944 (age 22).
6. **Private Russell Wice** (WWII) - *Royal Regiment of Canada*. Son of Mrs. Roy Wice; killed in action during Dieppe Raid, France, on August 19, 1942. Buried at Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery.
7. **Private Joseph Glover** (WWII) - *Royal Regiment of Canada*. Killed in action during Dieppe Raid, France, on August 19, 1942.
8. **Warrant Officer / Gunner K. Johnson** (WWII) - *Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA)*. Died on active service during the Second World War.

How Holy Trinity Can Help Us Connect with Families

As we prepare the Roll Call of Remembrance for the November 11th service, we kindly request your assistance in two meaningful ways:

1. **Connecting with Descendants:** Does the parish remain in contact with any living relatives, descendants, or family branches of these eight fallen heroes (such as the Jackes, McAllum, McLaren, Taylor, Wice, Glover, or Johnson families)?

2. **Ceremonial Participation:** We would be deeply honored if any surviving family members or descendants would be interested in participating in the ceremony by reading the names of Holy Trinity's fallen during the Roll Call.

An Invitation to Your Parish: We warmly invite your Clergy, Churchwardens, Choir, and entire congregation to stand with us on November 11th as we gather around the historic 1950 memorial plaque to honour our shared local heritage.

If you have any family contact details to share, or if members of your parish would like to take part in the ceremony, please contact me cyril.danjoux@gmail.com or 416 400 5094

Warmest regards,

Cyril

Dr. Cyril Danjoux
On behalf of The Thornhill Historical Society & Remembrance Committee